

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-005

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MASTER ORDINANCE
TO ESTABLISH A SPEED LIMIT OF 35 MPH FOR THE PORTION OF
ALEXANDER AVENUE UNDER THE DISTRICT'S JURISDICTION**

October 26, 2012

THIS ORDINANCE is adopted with reference to the following facts and circumstances which are found and declared by the Board of Directors of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District:

1. The Board of Directors, by Resolution 2012-075 at its meeting of October 26, 2012, adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Alexander Avenue/Danes Drive Intersection Improvement Project (Project) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), based upon environmental studies conducted by the National Park Service as lead agency for the National Environmental Policy Act, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and in consultation with key stakeholder agencies, including the California Highway Patrol, the California Department of Transportation, the Marin County Department of Public Works and the City of Sausalito.
2. The Project will be carried out by the National Park Service and funded by the FHWA, and consists of roadway improvements to widen and to extend the left-turn lane on Alexander Avenue to Danes Drive; convert the intersection from a Y to a T-type intersection; add a roadway shoulder to the portion of Alexander Avenue within the project limits; and, replace the existing guardrail with a new guardrail, all of which have the purpose of improving existing conditions of the roadway.
3. The Final Alexander Avenue Planning Study conducted by the FHWA for the Project notes that posted speeds vary on Alexander Avenue. At the southern end, posted speeds are 45 mph. North of the Danes Drive/Alexander Avenue intersection, the posted speed is 35 mph. Approaching the East Road/Alexander Avenue intersection and the Sausalito city limits, the posted speed is 25 mph. Motorists traveling on the corridor are subject to three speed limit adjustments within a short distance.
4. The FHWA performed a speed study and survey on Alexander Avenue to determine typical traffic speeds along the corridor, and considered several design standards and guidelines, including AASHTO, Caltrans, and NPS design manuals. The study noted that the public and stakeholders in the Project expressed concern regarding high speeds of traffic traveling northbound from the US 101 ramp, where the posted speed limit is 45 mph. The study considered the changing traffic volumes and use of the roadway, including the increased presence of bicyclists and pedestrians, as well as existing topographical and other physical limitations of the area. That speed study and use analysis concluded that the design speed standard within the Project limits should be 35 mph.

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5. In light of the FHWA speed study, analysis of the use of the roadway, consideration of the existing site conditions and potential design alternatives for the improvements in the area of the Alexander Avenue/Danes Drive intersection, and the recommendations of the design consultants for the Project, the District Engineer concurs with the FHWA determination to establish a speed limit of 35 mph for the portion of Alexander Avenue under the District's jurisdiction.

6. The District's Master Ordinance currently specifies that the speed on the portion of Alexander Avenue from Station 7+11 to Station 1+ 35 shall not exceed 35 miles per hour, however the posted speed limit on the portion of Alexander Avenue within the Project limits is currently 45 miles per hour. The Master Ordinance should be clarified to specify a uniform speed limit of 35 miles per hour for Alexander Avenue within the District's jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY, AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section II, "Golden Gate Bridge and Approaches," Subsection G, "Traffic Rules and Regulations", is amended by revising paragraph 1.a, "Speed" as follows:

1. a. The speed limit on Alexander Avenue within the District's jurisdiction shall not exceed thirty-five (35) miles per hour.

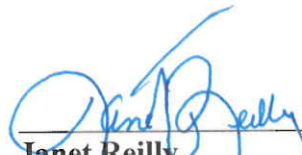
Section 2. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be December 1, 2012.

ADOPTED this 26th day of October 2012, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:


AYES (15): Directors Arnold, Campos, Elsbernd, Fredericks, Moylan, Pahre, Rabbitt, Renée, Sears, Snyder, Sobel, Stroeh and Theriault; First Vice President Eddie; President Reilly

NOES (0): None

ABSENT (4): Directors Chu, Cochran and Mar; Second Vice President Grosboll



Janet Reilly
President of the Board of Directors

ATTEST: 

Janet S. Tarantino
Secretary of the District